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COMMERCIAL CLUB NEWS

What Shall We Do to Secure Another Railroad?

The following letter will explain the status of this proposition:

Amorillo, Tex., Nov. 13, 1913

Mr. H. Wyatt, Sec.
Chamber of Commerce,
Tucumcari, New Mexico
Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 12th duly received. I note that your city has experienced two bank failures within the past year and a half. I sympathize with the people of such misfortunes, as I greatly experienced a heavy loss in the financial depression of 1907.

As you well know: Men of money—Are going to have their demands met when they make such in the case of building a railroad. And as the financial condition of the country is exceedingly bad at present, the moneyed men are asking a larger bonus than they would if the country was in a prosperous condition. Therefore, the demands to average a bonus of \$3,000 per mile, also \$100 per mile for preliminary expenses must be met in some way—Else they will not furnish the money with which to build the road.

It occurs to me—When a surety bond in equal amount is offered to secure money advanced for preliminary purposes, that real estate could be used as collateral—Thereby all necessary money could be borrowed on the real estate. This method is being used at some of the towns, and the land owners are raising from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per mile as a bonus. As you well understand from my past letters, all houses will be used in the actual construction and equipment of the road, in order to float and sell bonds for the remaining money. Times are so different now to that of former days, and we must meet the financiers demands in order to interest them.

I note that you wish the Chicago construction people to visit your city without committing your Chamber of Commerce to anything, but when you stop to think of the money which I have spent without having the least idea or no assurance the proposition will go through; it certainly should prove my interest—Thereby a committee of your good co-operative citizens should commit themselves to take up the matter when a surety bond in equal amount will be given for the sum of \$4000, for preliminary purposes, with the remainder of the bonus payable when the road has been built southeast to Clovis. Place yourself in my shoes and see if you would spend the money and take the venture which I have assumed—With hundreds of dollars spent without any assurance of any return? Would you do it? Am I not right?—Asking all towns to commit themselves before the Chicago people agree to spend their money to inspect the field. In other words, I paid the expenses of the bond house engineer who was in your city about a year ago. I know there is merit in the proposition, and with proper co-operation the road can and will be built.

Please think this over—Talk it to some of your better citizens and see if they can and will put up something as security and raise the preliminary money. Hoping to hear from you real soon Respectfully,

R. E. DAVIS

MAKES PRESENTATION TO

NEW MEXICO MUSEUM

Col. Ralph E. Twitchell presented to the Museum of New Mexico, photographs of the two oldest Spanish archives at Santa Fe, the earliest dating back to 1621, and the other to 1636. They are the only two Santa Fe archives that escaped destruction in the Indian revolution of 1680-1693 and refer to the Christianization of the Pueblo Indians. They cover quite a number of pages and are handsomely bound. They form quite an acquisition for the state.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between E. V. Newman and J. T. Wofford, under the firm name of Newman and Wofford, and as such doing a retail liquor business at Tucumcari, New Mexico, was, by mutual consent, on the 10th day of November, A. D., 1913, dissolved. The business will hereafter be conducted by E. V. Newman as a sole trader.

Dated November 10th, A. D., 1913.

E. V. NEWMAN,

J. T. WOFFORD

CENTER STREET METHODIST CHURCH

A. N. Evans, Pastor

Residence, 1st Door East of Church

Phones 213

Sunday school, Edward E. Brown,

Supt. meets at 9:45 a. m.

Preaching service at 11 a. m. by the pastor; "Education" will be the subject of the morning sermon.

Junior Choir will meet at 3 o'clock

Sunday afternoon.

Epworth League will meet 6:30 p. m.

Preaching service by pastor at 7:30

Midweek prayer service Wednesday

evening at 7:30

Teacher Training class Wednesday

evening at 7:00 o'clock.

You are cordially invited to attend

these services.

Program for the Week of Prayer

to be given by the Women's Missionary

Society.

The ladies of the Women's Missionary

Society will observe the Week of

Prayer and the following program will

be given at the Center Street Metho-

dist church on Nov. 24 and 25, begin-

ning at 3:00 p. m.

November 24th

1. Hymn No. 176

2. Scripture Lesson, Psalm 100, fol-

lowed by prayer by Mrs. C. A. Keeler.

3. What is our object in observing

the Week of Prayer? Mrs. E. Carother.

4. Sentence prayers.

5. Something concerning Japanese

immigrants. Mrs. J. R. Spence

6. Instrumental Solo. Mrs. O. L.

Snyder.

7. Some facts concerning the Korean

immigrants and our work among them.

Mrs. N. W. Mosley.

8. Reading. Mrs. Oscar Sandusky

9. Offering

10. Hymn 177. Benediction

November 25th

1. Hymn No. 191

2. Prayer. Mrs. Julia E. Robinson.

3. Scripture Lesson, John XXI, 15

4. Prayer. Mrs. J. F. Tarpley

5. Our Principal Fields of Work.

Mrs. M. A. Butler

6. Duets

7. Reading of the supplement for

Papal Lands, Florida Coast Work, and

City Missions. Mrs. J. E. Horne

8. Reading

9. Offering

10. Hymn No. 171. Benediction.

CONSERVATION CONGRESS

OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED

Washington D. C., Nov. 16.—The

prospect of a fierce fight on forestry,

at the National Conservation Congress

in Washington, D. C., November 18-20

has brought requests from all parts

of the country for the privilege of the

floor of the convention. The Congress

has accepted the challenge of the Ore-

gon Development League, one of the

principal opponents of the Conservation

policy, and has given a place on its

program to one of the big guns of the

Oregon organization. Fireworks are

expected.

The large number of requests from

opposing sides has caused the Execu-

tive Committee to the Congress to throw

down the bars to all. For the first time

in the history of the Congress, the com-

mittee has extended a general invita-

tion to the Congress to everyone who

is interested in Conservation and fore-

stry. Hundreds of organizations, na-

tional, state and local, have appointed

delegates to the Congress. Scores of

other organizations who have not re-

ceived special invitations are expected

to appoint delegates under the open

door policy of the Executive Commit-

tee.

CONSERVATIVE CLEARING HOUSE

Washington, D. C., Nov. 16.—For

the first time since the historic confer-

ence of Governors at the White House,

at which the Conservation movement

started five years ago, a National re-

port is to be made, showing just what

conservation has accomplished in the

different states. A national conserva-

tion clearing house will assemble at

the New Willard Hotel on Monday, No-

vember 17, the day before the big Con-

servation Congress opens. This clearing

house will be made up of Conservation

Commissioners from all the states. The

name of the organization is "The Na-

tional Association of Conservation Com-

missioners." Dr. George E. Condra, of

Lincoln, Nebraska, is its president. The

Commissioners will discuss what has

been in their states since the White

House conference, and will exchange

ideas and plans for carrying the work

into other states. This National Clear-

ing House will meet with the Conser-

vation Congress every year.

GULF TO THE PACIFIC ROAD COMPLETED

Connection Made at Texico Wednesday Regular Train Service Starts Friday

The long heralded Gulf to Pacific line of the Santa Fe is at last a reality, the connection being made with the main line near Texico, Wednesday. Although the ballasting crew is about twenty miles behind the steel gang, the line will be opened for traffic by the construction department Friday, according to reports received here.

The first train over the new railroad was run Wednesday, but no attempt will be made to operate on a schedule until Friday, when a mixed train carrying a passenger coach will leave Lubbock at 10 a. m., arriving at 5:20 p. m., leaving about 7 a. m., and arriving at 1:45 p. m., in time to make connections with the outgoing train at Lubbock.

Quite a gathering of Clovis people witnessed the laying of the last steel Wednesday, which marked the completion of what is destined to be one of the greatest trunk lines of railway in the United States. This road is laid with 90-pound steel and ballasted with cement and gyp, having a crown ballast exceeding that of any road in the west.

The line will be operated by the construction department until at least the first of the year, before it is turned over to the operating department of the Santa Fe, as it will require that length of time to complete the ballasting, put in siding, depots, tanks, chutes, etc., all ready for heavy traffic, which will follow as soon as open from Galveston to the Pacific.

Clovis will be made the division point on this line as soon as accepted by the operating department of the Santa Fe.—Clovis News.

MORE LIBERAL CREEDS

The National Council of Congregational churches, in session at Kansas City, has just adopted a new confession of faith. This statement is simple, brief, full of faith, hope, love. It displaces an elaborate creed of words and complicated definitions adopted thirty years ago. The new statement leaves out several of the older doctrines, eternal punishment of the wicked for one, once deemed sacred and essential. The old Scotch woman, who on hearing a sermon emphasizing this doctrine after the older Calvinistic fashion, declared that she felt greatly comforted, would find little to cheer her in this confession of optimism.

This action has caused scarcely a ripple in the newspaper press. Twenty years ago the man who proclaimed such a creed could not have preached in nine-tenths of the Orthodox pulpits.

Whether one sympathizes with these changes or not, most people feel that a good deal of cumbersome baggage has been left behind by the churches in the past few years. If Sunday morning, a man is weary with the fret and grind of life, he looks for a message of good cheer and resolution. The lonely youth from the country asks for the voice of sympathy. The rich man needs the exhortation toward generosity and kindness, the poor man, patience and hope. The old time doctrinal sermon, with its formidable head-ings and its ponderous abstractions, seems as remote as some foreign tongue.

To some of the older people bred in a day of iron bound creeds, the new forms seem pale and vague. If they believe every comma in the Bible was placed there directly by the hand of God, let them cherish a faith that has made their own characters staunch, strong and devoted. But every age must speak its own tongue, and it needs a gospel in a voice it can understand.

GREATER TUCUMCARI

During the year, letters go from this city to all parts of the world. In these are many good ideas and they bring interesting replies. How to write a better letter is something worth while and how to write on some needed piece of work is great. A Quay county man has a plan for helping boys and girls, anywhere, who are in any kind of trouble in school, below grade or in the dark on any study or even deportment. If you know of any one who would be interested in this please pass the word along personally or by letter. Take the United States alone and there are thousands of children to whom the school room is a torture chamber, just because they don't understand.

Read the News—the live wire paper.

FORAGE POISONING AT COPUS RANCH, NEW MEXICO

Dr. E. A. Corbin of this city, and Dr. Cranston Owens of New York, were called to "Gudee, N. M., to investigate the causes for which the horses on the Copus Ranch were dying. Drs. Corbin and Owens held postmortem examination and diagnosed the disease as forage poison. A report was sent to the Sanitary Board at Albuquerque and a reply is awaited as to what measures to take. So far the animals that have died have been buried and the place thoroughly disinfected.

It is hoped that the disease will not spread and cause such a havoc as it did in Kansas ten years ago. A report will also be sent to Washington to the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Dr. Owens was asked if there was any preventive and his reply was, isolation as soon as possible, change of diet, cleansing of the intestinal tract with plenty of intestinal antiseptics.

TUCUMCARI HAS A BIG TELEPHONE BUSINESS

That Tucumcari realizes the advantages of the time saving features of its modern conveniences and makes use of them to a higher extent than any other city in its class, is shown by a comparative statement, furnished the local exchange of The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co., of the number of conversations handled in eight different exchanges in New Mexico and Arizona which are approximately the same size.

This report places Tucumcari in the first place for the number of local calls handled per day, the local exchange handling an average of 3346 calls per day with the next highest exchange, which was a slightly larger exchange showing a count of 2458 calls per day.

This means that if every telephone instrument in the city was used the same number of times per day as the average shows, that there would be nearly eight calls from each instrument in service every day or to be exact 7.8 calls per telephone.

Over 3000 of the total daily calls are handled during the business hours from 7:00 a. m. to 7:00 p. m. and these statistics confirm our claim that Tucumcari is composed of "live wires" and is the liveliest city in the Great Southwest.

The above figures were furnished the News by Manager Duwoody and the comparison of Tucumcari is with the progressive cities of Clovis, Deming, Globe, Las Cruces, Santa Fe, Silver City, Tucumcari, and Yuma.

MUSICAL PROGRAM BY THE HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

The High School Orchestra will give its first public program for this year at the High School Auditorium on Thursday evening of this week. The work of the Mother's Club is to be complemented by the pupils of the High School, in many ways, especially in the building of the big library, and the establishment of the Manual Training and Domestic Science, as well as the Kindergarten. The officers are not charging anything for membership to this club, and wish to get some money to meet their state obligations. The school people will give them their best efforts to meet their obligations, and will with the assistance of Mrs. Finigan, give the following program:

- (1) Stars and Stripes Forever, Sousa—High School Orchestra.
 - (2) Tannhauser, by Wagner—High School Orchestra.
 - (3) Song of the Vikings by Emerson Anvil Chorus by Verdi—Glee Club.
 - (4) Selections from The Bohemian Girl by Balfe—High School Orchestra.
 - (5) Oration, "Peace the Policy of the Nation"—Earl Gerhardt.
 - (6) Vocal Solo—Mrs. D. J. Finegan.
 - (7) Vocal Trio, "The Three Bums"—Perkins, Jones, Bullington.
 - (8) March from Baccacio, Bernardi—Carmen, Bizet—High School Orchestra.
- The general admission for the above program will be for adults, twenty-five cents, children, fifteen cents. The Orchestra will begin playing at eight o'clock.

The dance at the Arcade Saturday evening was very successful. A very large crowd was in attendance. The floor was in good condition and the music excellent. These popular Saturday evening dances are very much enjoyed and Dancing Master Zinn is to be congratulated upon the patronage he has secured and the high class manner in which the school and dances are conducted. He states that he will offer prizes Saturday evening.

OPERA HOUSE NEWS

The following letter received by Manager Evans, shows the type of entertainment he is trying to secure for us.

He has not yet arranged for this excellent production. He must deposit \$500.00 as a guarantee before he can secure some. Such a production would be a credit to our city. It is the lack of such attractions that makes Tucumcari seem dull. Let us subscribe liberally for tickets to this and help Mr. Evans secure same.

New York City, Nov. 11, 1913

Mr. George W. Evans, Jr.

Manager Evans Opera House,

Tucumcari, N. M.

Dear Mr. Evans:—

We were simply amazed that any music lover in Tucumcari should ever suspect that you were not going to have the big opera company in "The Rose Maid" and have all of it. We never did such a thing in our lives as split an organization or fail to give a manager just what he bargained for. Yes you get "The Rose Maid" Opera Company and Orchestra, with all its beautiful equipment of scenery, stylish costumes and electric effects, together with all its prima donnas, comedians and great singing chorus that helped to give it the fine success in New York when it ran 200 nights at the Globe theater and later last winter it ran 100 nights in Chicago. This is probably one of the very finest organizations on the road in light opera. It is even better than the organization which was sent to Chicago last year. We are playing to capacity houses every place, and frequently get the credit of giving the best operatic performance seen in the city.

We know our five comedians cannot be beaten. These include the famous Edwin A. Clarke, Mr. Lew Lederer, probably the best German comedian in opera; Walter Liebmann, formerly of "The Climax"; Fred Macomber and George D. Winn, known everywhere. Our little Rose Maid is the gifted Florence Miller who became a prima donna in one night when she stepped into the shoes of the leading woman one night here in New York and who has played the role ever since. She is a dream for prettiness and voice and dancing.

Orelia Collins is the statuesque blond prima donna and Evelyn Hamilton was lifted from grand opera for this production. Beatrice Balfour, the leading Comedienne, is the best actress portraying French dialect roles on our stage. She is a Texas girl, born on a ranch near Roswell, N. M., and only returned to America this year after several seasons' abroad. Her gowns are all from Paris. I might go down the line about these people, but must leave something for you to find out when they appear on the Tucumcari stage Dec. 15th. This is a production that should have every seat sold at \$2.50 before the company arrives, because we are sure you will wait a long time for another such company with its "Rose and garden of girls" to reach your city.

Hope you will have no slip up when our train arrives, in having enough wagons and men to handle scenery rapidly.

FRANK C. PAYNE

MUSICAL PROGRAM

for this evening at Evans Opera House at Chamber of Commerce lecture.

March, "Uncle Sammy" Abe Holzman.

Overture, "Southern Memories"

Waltz, "Among the Lilies"

Cornet and Baritone Duet, (Mex.)

"La Gollodrina"

March, "Stars and Stripes Forever"

Sousa

Selection, "Comin' Thru the Rye"

March, (Mex.) Zacatecas"

J. I. Lowe,

Director

\$100.00 REWARD

The undersigned association will pay One Hundred Dollars reward to anyone for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons for larceny of the stock of any member of the association. The above reward payable at the First National Bank of Tucumcari, New Mexico.

EASTERN NEW MEXICO STOCK

MEN'S ASSOCIATION

By D. J. Finegan, Sec'y

NOTICE

The City Cleaning and Hat Works have a big lot of Suit Hangers to be given away to their old and new customers. Come and get one, its free, or Phone 346, SAM LEHRMAN, Prop.

LIVING PICTURES OF OLD AND NEW SOUTHWEST SEEN

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 15.—An historical pageant, depicting the history of the great southwest, is being planned for the commencement exercises of the new Senior class of the high school next spring. This pageant will be the greatest of its kind ever attempted here, and will require an enormous amount of work by both pupils of the school and the faculty teachers in charge. Preparations for it will be actively begun in a short time, as the work for the production will practically take most of the winter.

The entire senior class will participate, and about 200 students of other classes. Mrs. M. J. Frank, teacher of English is the originator of the idea and will direct the production, assisted by Sharon S. Uhrey, teacher of history who will work out the sequence of historical events.

While the plan in general has been blocked out the minor details have not yet been decided upon. It is the idea at present to have the pageant out of doors in Cleveland square, although the staging of it in the theater may be necessary.

Whether this pageant will take the place of the conventional graduating exercises altogether, or simply be an additional but more important feature, has not been determined, but it will be for the friends and patrons of the local school and there will now be an admission charge.

Pageants on this order have been given by various cities. One was a feature of the New Orleans Mardi Gras and they have been given with much success in England, but El Paso's high school will be the first to attempt so ambitious a production.

It is planned to begin the spectacle with scenes of the ancient cliff dwellers in the southwest, then have the Indians, Spanish explorers, Spanish monk and the mission forts, and so on, with scenes from recent history, perhaps closing with a vision of the future El Paso, or some allegorical picture.

To secure information for the correct presentation of these scenes Mrs. Frank and Mr. Uhrey are beginning to collect data from the old residents here. As the pageant will be considerable expense to produce, the senior class is planning to give a series of entertainments to raise money for its cost.

The project is being received with much interest by the pupils. It will take the place of the class plays of former years, in which only a small selected few could have parts. This is carrying out the idea that is dominating everything at the high school this year—that everything connected with the high school be strictly democratic with every student as far as possible given an opportunity to participate in all of the school's activities.

For the purpose of establishing an exhibit of El Paso's public school work in the chamber of commerce, an appropriation of \$200 has been made by the school board. This exhibit will include samples of work from all the manual training and domestic science classes at work, and of the physical training department work, photographs of the school buildings, outlines of courses of studies, and specimens of the regular school work.

The exhibition will be portable, so that it may be moved to fairs or exhibitions outside.

PETITION TO REDUCE THE TAX RAISE

The following letter from the State Secretary of the Retailers' Association will prove of general interest and the local secretary would like to hear an expression from the general public of Tucumcari:

Raton, N. M., Nov. 11, 1913

See'y Tucumcari, N. M.,